

Cohon, Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach and Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel at Commonwealth Stadium yesterday. Together, they hoisted the Grey Cup to celebrate the announcement that the 2010 CFL championship game will be played in Edmonton. More coverage, page 12.

#### Charges laid after horses found in snow

ANIMALS An Edmonton lawyer has been charged with three counts of animal cruelty, after two of his horses had to be rescued from a B.C. mountainside.

Frank MacKay has been accused of dumping two horses off near McBride, B.C., around Christmas.

Snowmobilers found the animals, Sundance and Belle, trapped in the

It took a week for volunteer rescuers to dig a one-kilometre trench, before the horses could be rescued on Dec. 23.

The horses, who were frostbitten and malnourished, were placed with permanent homes by the BC SPCA.

MacKay is set to make his first court appearance on June 22.

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# Photos give world a glimpse of oilsands

Stark images of tailings ponds in upcoming National Geographic

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**Images of oil-slick** tailings ponds and behemoth smoke stacks from Alberta's oilsands will be viewed by roughly 10 million people around the world in a feature story inside the March edition of National Geographic.

The article refers to the mills as "dark" and "saand the images show glimpses of what life's like in Alberta's once booming oilsands and in Fort McMurray.

In one photo, a photographer captures an extremely long lineup of customers in a Mac's convenience store.

In another image, a radar device floats in a

device is designed to scare away birds from landing in the toxic water.

"The magazine does have an international reach and for the first people time, many around the globe are going to get a sense of the tremendous environmental and human rights costs of tarsands extraction," said Mike Hudema, a spokesman with Greenpeace.

"Being able to show that to the world ... is a good step in the right direction."

The article says the province's carbon emissions will level off by 2020. By 2050, it adds, they will decline below levels that were seen in 2005.

The article says the slick tailings pond. The commitment to reducing

"For the first time, many people around the globe are going to get a sense of the tremendous ... costs of tarsands extraction."

Mike Hudema, Greenpeace

carbon emissions greater than that of the U.S. government. The article also included an interview with Premier Ed Stelmach, the government its "real" look into the oilconfirmed yesterday.

Jason Chance, spokesman with Alberta's energy department, says the article is fair in its approach to the oilsands as it also covers the industry's successes.

"It has tried to provide some balance and some of the statements in there are made by different individuals who may not

have a fully balanced approach," said Chance.

Hudema says the magazine will further harm Alberta's image because of sands.

"It's a really horrific site of what we're doing (in Alberta)," said Hudema.

'We're talking about carving massive amounts of boreal forest and ecosystems to build massive gigantic tarpits."

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#### **Bounty Hunter heading to River Cree**

On the lam? Watch it, because Dog the Bounty Hunter is heading to Edmonton in the spring. Tickets for the May 28 show at River Cree Resort and Casino go on sale Friday, and are available through Ticketmaster. **METRO EDMONTON** 

**SPORTS** The Edmonton Rush lacrosse team is offering fans a chance to fill seats for a dramatically reduced rate this weekend.

Tickets for the bout between the Rush and the Philadelphia Wings on Friday are selling for an ultra-low \$1 each.

Team officials say the door-crasher is a way to repay loyal fans, to which they attribute most of the team's success.

Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster while available.

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#### **News** in brief

JOBLESS The number of Alberta residents claiming employment insurance rose by 30 per cent from last year, says Statistics Canada. The rise is the second highest of all provinces, behind B.C., where 33 per cent more people claimed EI. Major Canadian cities like London, Ont., saw huge jumps, coming in at 75.5 per cent, and Windsor, Ont., rising 61.3 per cent. Since October, more than 210,000 jobs have been lost across the METRO EDMONTON

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What's online today.

**Video** Police officials insist Tasers are safe, but admit they are overused at metronews.ca/canada **Video** Mario Dumont steps down as head of ADQ amid lingering regrets at metronews.ca/canada **Blogs** Fashion columnist Kenya Hunt checks in from the PPQ show at London **Fashion Week** 

## Rush offers fans tickets for a buck Oilers inspire young fans

Pair of Children's Wish recipients meet ice heroes

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES victoria.handysides@metronews.ca

Dreams came true for a couple young Oilers fans yesterday, who met their hockey heroes in real life.

For 17-year-old rightwinger Shannon Boese, watching Ales

Hemsky glide "You see them fall through practice yesterday down, get up, get more their teeth knocked than a chance out and they keep to improve game. on going. When The Camrose you get hurt, you was don't just quit — Grizzly almost benched per- you keep on manently, kicking." when she was Shannon Boese

with a brain tumour last year.

"The night before my surgery, they told me I might not be able to walk for a year," she said yesterday.

Not only is Boese walking, but she's playing hockey and faithfully following her favourite team, which she says gave

"They're such good people," she said. "You see them fall down, get up, get 🖁 their teeth knocked out and they keep on going. When you get hurt, you don't just quit — you keep on kicking.

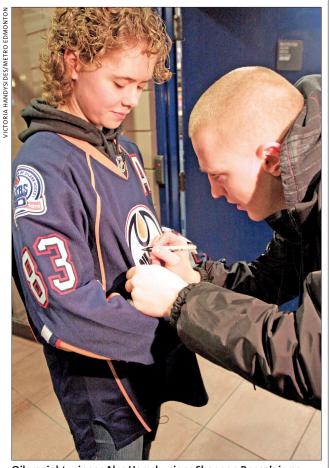
Boese joined Todd Davison, a wheel-

chair-bound 12-year-old with cerebral palsy, who was awestruck in the presence of defenceman Steve Staios and centre Andrew Cogliano.

The pair came face-toface with the players thanks

to the Children's Wish Foundation which recently raised enough cash to put Davison in a wheelchair that helps him stand.

"One of his absolute dreams was to stand up at a hockey game and cheer on the Oilers," said Todd's mother, Cymantha Davison. "Now he's able to do that."



Oilers right-winger Ales Hemsky signs Shannon Boese's jersey, fulfilling her one wish after recovering from surgery that removed a potentially deadly brain tumour.

### her motivation to get Snowed streets likely to slow buses: Transit

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Transit riders can expect delays at many bus stops across the city as drivers have to contend with poor, snow-covered roads, warned Edmonton Transit

Patricia Dixon, a spokeswoman with Edmonton Transit, says bus divers are dealing with longer than usual traffic jams along many major routes.

"Sometimes buses are up to 15 minutes late, sometimes they're not late at all, it just depends on what time of the day a rider catches the bus and what's been happening in the afternoon on the roads," said Dixon.

Bob Dunford, director of roadway maintenance for the city's transportation, said crews were out all night and are expected to continue this morning to clear snow along some of

the city's busiest roads and bus routes.

Crews also plan to be out each night plowing the roads until Friday, Dunford said.

Tow trucks have also been placed at many of the city's bridges to keep traffic going during rush hour because of the snow, said the city.

#### Author touts benefits of buying local

**VICTORIA HANDYSIDES** 

**SPEAKING** In the middle of an economic deep-freeze, individual Edmontonians have the power to warm up the economy by keeping dollars in the pockets and registers of local merchants, a world-

Michael Schuman, author of The Small Mart Revolution, will be teaching locals the importance of self-reliance and indie-

renowned author says.

"The more times a dollar circulates, the more income, wealth, and jobs are created," he said.

The trend in the last decade in Alberta, and all over Canada, he said, is that shoppers are choosing to go local good news for homegrown business owners, who were previously shadowed by incoming big-box retailers.

Independent liquor store owner Ed Fong feels that while big-box chain stores can be found everywhere, a legion of die-hard "localvores" peruse his aisles faithfully.

'People realize that if all the local independent businesses go under, the selection is going to go down, and the service is going to go down," he said.

Schumann speaks today at the City Arts Centre from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and tomorrow at the U of A Telus Building from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.



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Corporate Knights Magazine recently rated Edmonton Canada's most sustainable metropolis. Edmonton's water conservation and pricing were enough to help the city win first place, as the city has the lowest per capita water consumption rates across the country. METRO EDMONTON

## New shelter just purr-fect

Humane society's \$22M facility boasts medical wing, daycare

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Edmonton's new animal shelter will offer everything from television sets for sheltered cats and a giant gated-off leash area for local pet owners to a dog and cat café when it officially opens to the public later this spring.

The Edmonton Humane Society says that its new \$22.5-million centre, located near 134 Avenue and 163 Street, will be a "destination facility" for animals

and pet owners.

"We are going to change the face of how animals are cared for in this community from an animal's perspective," said Stephanie McDonald, the society's executive director.

The state-of-the-art animal shelter will also offer a medical wing for animals, including a surgery prep area and recovery room.

The centre will also clamp down on disease prevention with a hightech air exchange machine that will circulate air in quarantined kennels for sick animals.

"We are going to change the face of how animals are cared for in this community from an animal's perspective."

Stephanie McDonald

Cat kennels will be equipped with skylights, outdoor patios and television monitors that will flash nurturing images to maintain a feline's mental health.

"We have the responsibility to meet an animal's mental health requirements," said McDonald.

The centre will also offer summer day camps which will educate young children on how to take care of animals, and it will offer various paid services at the centre to support the shel-

Those services include a doggie daycare, a members-only leash area that's the size of two football fields, and rooms the society can rent out for birthday parties.



Figure-skating legend Kurt Browning tours the Edmonton Humane Society's new Chappelle Centre for Animal Care yesterday, accompanied by executive director Stephanie McDonald.

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The Government of Canada has introduced a wide range of tax cuts to help Canadians save on their taxes. Lower taxes are part of Canada's Economic Action Plan.

There are measures like the Children's Fitness Tax Credit, which allows parents to claim up to \$500 in eligible fitness expenses paid for each qualifying child.

There are also the Public Transit Tax Credit and other tax savings designed to benefit people and families from all walks of life.

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Fake calls prompt arrest

A 62-year-old Winnipeg woman has been charged after hundreds of false 9-1-1 calls were allegedly made over a one-year period, CBC.ca reports. Joyce Prins is accused of making more than 300 calls to the emergency service between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2008. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Canada



#### Klein wins Brit book award

Canadian journalist Naomi Klein, left, has won Britain's inaugural Warwick Prize for Writing for The Shock Doctrine, her acclaimed investigation into neo-liberal economics, which she calls "disaster capitalism." The 2007 book argues that governments and companies use natural disasters or man-made shocks like the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, to push through corporate-friendly policies.

TASER INQUIRY A Mountie who confronted Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport said he regrets the Polish immigrant died, but said he doubts he would have done anything differ-

RCMP Const. Gerry Rundel told the Braidwood Inyesterday Dziekanski's death was a "terrible outcome" and one that was not intended.

"There have been a lot of people, a lot of agencies, that have dealt with Mr. Dziekanski right from the time he left Poland," Rundel said. "I'm sure there isn't one person that's looking back and wondering if they could have done something differently.

"With the limited information we had, I can't say that we could have done anything differently."

The 40-year-old Polish immigrant died in the early morning hours of Oct. 14 following a confrontation with four officers in which he was Tasered multiple times.

The Mounties arrived at the scene armed with faulty data from their dispatcher, including incorrect information Dziekanski was intoxicated and was throwing chairs through glass win-

Earlier in the day, Walter Kosteckyj, the lawyer for Dziekanski's mother questioned Rundel on why, if there were four officers, one of them didn't call for an interpreter or talk to witnesses to find out what occurred before their ar-METRO CANADA

## Mountie regrets death | Drunk driving battle waged

#### Proposed initiative just political optics, official argues

The battle over whether to lower the legal limit for impaired driving is again being waged in Parliament, with even the police and some advocacy groups questioning whether it is necessary.

Emile Therien, past president of the Canada Safety Council, said yesterday the proposed initiative has more to do with law-andorder optics than actually reducing the number of drunk drivers.

"This had nothing to do with public safety."

Emile Therien, past president, Canada Safety Council

"We are by far the toughest in the world because we criminalize it (impaired driving)," he said, adding that lowering the legal blood alcohol limit will only

make criminals of responsible social drinkers.

"This had nothing to do with public safety. This is all optics, part of the 'tough on crime.'

The Canada Safety Council is to make its presentation today to the all-party justice committee charged with studying whether the blood alcohol levels should be reduced to 50 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood, from the current 80 mg.

The Conservative govern-

ment's Tackling Violent Crime Act dealt in part with getting tougher on drunk drivers, but stopped short of lowering the threshold.

New Democrat Party justice critic MP Joe Comartin said he remains to be convinced that amending the Criminal Code is needed, adding he hopes the provinces instead will incorporate reduced levels and greater restrictions in their

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#### SARS victims get day in court

LAW It has been nearly six years since the first cluster of SARS cases appeared in Toronto hospitals and those most directly affect- hospital patients, nurses and their families – have waited almost that long for their day in court.

The Ontario government heads to court today in a legal battle with SARS victims, who argue the province placed concerns about tourism and the economy ahead of eradicating the deadly disease.

The province argues members of the public have no right to sue the government for failing to stop the spread of a communicable disease.

Lawyers for the attorney general are asking the Ontario Court of Appeal to throw out five lawsuits filed on behalf of dozens

#### **Human toll**

• SARS killed 44 people, all in the Greater Toronto Area.

who were infected, including a group of 53 health care workers.

Among them is Emma Abarquez, who was a nurse at Scarborough Grace Hospital when its first SARS patient arrived March 7, 2003. Abarquez soon came down with the illness named Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome and was isolated in hospital.

Two other nurses, Tecla Lin and Nelia Laroza, died in a second wave of SARS that broke out in May 2003, after Ontario dethe provincial clared health emergency over.

#### Foreign Relations Cannon speaks on Afghanistan



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton meets with Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon at the State Department in Washington yesterday. Cannon stressed the importance of a civilian presence in Afghanistan to train police there.

#### Ottawa, provinces probing possible high-speed train link

RAIL It has been repeatedly studied for decades, but Ottawa, Queen's Park and the Quebec government are spending \$3 million to probe the feasibility of a high-speed rail link between Quebec City and Windsor.

The three levels of government announced the EcoTrain Consortium composed of Dessau, MMM. KPMG, Wilbur Smith & Associates, and Deutsche

Bahn International study the proposal.

"We have jointly, the three of us, commissioned a report," Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty told reporters yesterday.

"I like it because it fights climate change, it fights traffic congestion, so it enhances our productivity levels, it creates jobs and it enhances our quality of life," McGuinty said.

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### Coroner would share child death files

to provide Ontario's child advocate detailed information on the 90 deaths of children in the child welfare system in 2007, with names removed to protect privacy.

Irwin Elman, in his annual report to the provincial legislature this week, said his inability to access this information makes it difficult to do his job.

Privacy laws prohibit the coroner from releasing

SOCIAL JUSTICE The chief background reports on day. coroner's office is willing these deaths, said deputy chief coroner Dr. Bert Lauwers.

But Lauwers, who heads the chief coroner's pediatric death review committee, which examines all child deaths in the province, said he is prepared to give Elman the reports with names removed.

"Certainly we have offered in the past to provide reports with information redacted," he said yester-

working with the advocate in the future and developing a workable memorandum of understanding to provide him the information he needs to continue with his important mandate.'

Amendments to the Coroner's Act before the legislature would give the coroner's office authority to release any information it feels is important to protect public safety, which

could include giving re-"We look forward to ports to Elman's office with identifying information, Lauwers added.

Of the 90 deaths in 2007 that Elman highlighted in his report, only 40 are "of concern," Lauwers said.

That's because 14 of the deaths were expected due to fragile health and 36 were cases where children's aid societies were involved only as a result of the incident that led to the death, he said.

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#### Dalai Lama tells Tibetans not to be provoked

Tibet's exiled spiritual leader the Dalai Lama urged his countrymen yesterday not to be provoked by any Chinese military crackdown coinciding with the Tibetan New Year this week. REUTERS

## World

## **Mountains found** in South Pole ice

Jagged mountains the size of the Alps have been found entombed in Antarctica's ice, giving new clues about the vast ice sheet that will raise world sea levels if even a fraction of it melts, scientists said yesterday.

Using radar and gravity sensors, the experts made the first detailed maps of the Gamburtsev subglacial mountains, originally detected 50 years ago by Russian scientists at the heart of the East Antarctic ice sheet.

"The surprising thing

#### Sea levels

 Antarctica has enough ice to raise world sea levels by about 57 metres if it ever all melted, so even a fractional melt would affect coasts around the globe.

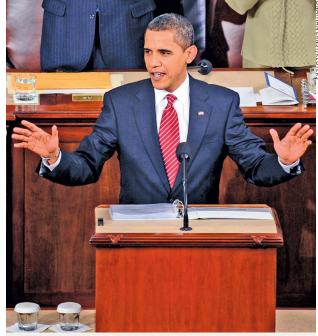
was that not only is this mountain range the size of the Alps, but it looks quite similar to the Alps, with high peaks and valleys," said Fausto Ferraccioli, a geophysicist at the British Antarctic Survey who took

part in the research.

He said that the mountains would probably have been ground down almost flat if the ice sheet had formed slowly. But the presence of jagged peaks might mean the ice formed quickly, burying a landscape under up to four kilometres of ice.

Ferraccioli said the maps were "the first page of a new book" of understanding how ice sheets behave, which in turn could help predict how the ice will react to global warming.

#### Obama Addressing the nation



U.S. President Barack Obama gives his prime-time address to a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington yesterday. Obama pressed the case for his economic plans, which include ending tax breaks for corporations that send U.S. jobs overseas and possibly setting aside even more money for debtladen banks, which the Federal Reserve said earlier yesterday should be able to survive without being nationalized.

#### **News** in brief

**MURDER** Russian state prosecutors vowed yesterday to catch the killers of journalist Anna Politkovskaya despite a court's acquittal last week of the only three men so far charged in the 2006 murder.

**MUMBAI** Militants behind last year's attacks on Mumbai used cellphones activated in the United States and paid for with funds sent from Italy, an Italian

newspaper reported yesterday.

NASA A mission carrying a climate satellite into orbit failed vesterday when the satellite was not able to separate from the rocket, NASA said. The Orbiting Carbon Observatory was going to measure carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and determine what happens to the climate-changing pollutant.

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#### Murdoch apologizes for chimp cartoon

MEDIA New York Post chairman Rupert Murdoch apologized in print yesterday for a cartoon that ignited protests from readers who saw it as a racist depiction of U.S. President Barack Obama as a chimpanzee.

In an article headlined Statement from Rupert Murdoch on Page 2 of the New York Post, Murdoch said the Feb. 18 cartoon was a mistake.

"I promise you that we will seek to be more attuned to the sensitivities of our community," wrote Murdoch, head of media giant News Corp., which owns the Post.

The cartoon of a policeman shooting an ape played on the real shooting of a pet chimpanzee in Connecticut. A police officer in the cartoon savs. "Thev'll have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill."

The editorial cartoon ran a day after President Obama signed into law the \$787-billion US economic stimulus that he had promoted, and the connection offended those who likened it to the racist, historic comparison of blacks to lower primates.

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## Do we believe in freedom of speech?



o you believe in freedom Of speech? course you do. It's the cornerstone of our democracy. It's etched in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms: 'Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms ... b) freedom of thought,

sion, including freedom of the press and other media of communication.'

Pay attention, freedom lovers. Just because it's in the charter, don't believe everything you read.

What if I asked the question this way: Do you believe in freedom of speech for David Ahenakew? He's the Saskatchewan aboriginal leader who was first convicted, then acquitted, of spreading hate for expressing the following opinion:

"The Jews damn near owned all of Germany prior to the war. That's how

belief, opinion and expres- Hitler came in. He was going to make damn sure that the Jews didn't take over Germany or Europe. That's why he fried six million of those guys, you know. Jews would have owned the God-damned world."

> When he was acquitted Monday, the B'nai Brith said the verdict is inexcusable, and that Canadian hate crime legislation needs to be reviewed, i.e. strengthened.

> Of course there are numerous human rights tribunals that could still discipline Ahenakew. B.C.'s code, for example, says

not publish or cause to be published anything that discriminates against a person or group, or exposes them to hatred or contempt. Under B.C.'s code, it would be much easier to find Ahenakew guilty.

I could ask the question this way: Do you believe in freedom of speech for The Ottawa Citizen? The paper was found guilty of libelling a former cop, Danno Cusson, who took it upon himself to go to New York in the wake of 9/11 with his dog, trying to free trapped survivors. The Citizen called it an ill-con-

simply that a person must ceived misadventure; Cusson was offended and sued and was awarded \$125,000 by a jury.

Now it's before the Supreme Court of Canada, where media lawyers are pleading for libel laws to be liberalized. Obviously, we do not really believe in freedom of speech. Instead we argue about it. Sometimes restrictions seem to make sense; who wants some guy going around the country spewing hateful lies about Jews? In others, we're not so sure. To shut a reporter up, should all you have to do is sue for libel? Not a good idea if we want

the truth to emerge.

Here's the thing.

If we believe in "freedom" we have to tolerate lies as well as truth, errors as well as accuracy.

Freedom of speech protects us all from the consequences of our utterances and idiotic notions.

Freedom of speech is clear: If you think it, you can say it.

So one more time, do you still believe in freedom of speech? For me, the answer is still — and always will be — yes.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting.

#### Word on the street: What are you planning to do with your tax return? Splurge or save? And why?

#### **Diana** lakossavas

age 24, Toronto

A: I'll probably put it into my savings. That's what I usually do government cheques. To me, it's extra money, so I just throw it in my savings

#### **Ashleigh Bachand**

age 18, Edmonton

A: I am going to save it because I am going to California. I guess I am going to save it, then splurge

#### Soumen Sengupta

Halifax

A: I'm going to save the money. I have to save for the future, it's pretty difficult right now

### **Jennifer**

age 24, Calgary

A: Save it. Mine would probably go to savings towards school ... or paying off my student loans.

#### **Mohammad** Hamdan

age 33, Edmonton

A: I am going to save it because the economy is not doing very good these

#### Linda van der Vaart

age 24, Calgary

A: I'm not getting anything back (but if I did) I would save it.





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## Web throttling targeted

#### Coalition says shaping Internet traffic threatens innovation

A group of more than 75 web-focused companies and organizations, including Google, eBay and Amazon, are calling on Canadian regulators to develop a "nuanced" approach when it comes to the thorny issue of phone and cable companies who manage Internet traffic on their networks.

In filings this week to the CRTC in advance of a July probe into Internet traffic management, the Open Internet Coalition re-

"The best ways for ISPs to deal with congestion in their networks is to invest in bigger, faster, open networks."

Jacob Glick, policy counsel for Google Canada

jected the suggestion put forward by Bell Canada Inc. and Rogers Communications Inc. that certain bandwidth-intensive applications need to be actively managed to prevent them from bogging down the In-

Bell and Rogers currently use software to sniff out mainly peer-to-peer filesharing protocols and put them in the equivalent of an Internet slow lane during peak usage periods.

Jacob Glick, the policy counsel for Google Canada, said the unnecessarily blunt approach threatens to render a whole segment of current and future web

applications unworkable.

The evidence suggests that the best ways for ISPs to deal with congestion in their networks is to invest in bigger, faster, open networks," said Glick.

"And while we also recognize that sometimes ISPs will need to traffic over their networks, you can't do that in a manner that's specific to certain applications or content. When you do that, you undermine innovation on-

MARKETS U.S. stocks rose yesterday as investors snapped up

shares in beaten-down sectors, including financials, a day after

Wall Street skidded to a 12-

year low. The S&P 500 index

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vember low, as JPMorgan, up

three per cent, and Citigroup,

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#### Weston reports big gain

**PROFIT** George Weston Ltd. plans to sit on a mounting cash pile and wait for the right time to invest, the company said Tuesday after reporting a large gain

from the sale of its Canadian dairy business.

Weston, North America's largest baked goods maker, said its quarterly profit rose to \$404 million.







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#### Maple Leaf recalls more products

**LISTERIA** Maple Leaf Foods recalled more meat products yesterday over concerns of listeria bacteria, the same day that it reported a smaller quarterly loss of \$14.6 million and said the worst of a costly listeria-related recall last summer was behind it.

The company announced a voluntary recall of 1,100 cases of its Shopsy's All Beef Frankfurters and Maple Leaf Original Hot Dogs.

It said there had been no illness reported as a result of consumption of the products and the risk to human health is extremely low.

Last summer, contaminated deli meats from a Maple Leaf food processing plant in Toronto were linked to at least 20 deaths REUTERS

#### Fashion **Show cancelled**



Workers build an outdoor venue for shows by design labels Just Cavalli and DSquared2 during Milan fashion week yesterday. Cavalli has cancelled his catwalk show for his Just Cavalli brand just two days before it was due to run, following difficulties at its distributor, Italian manufacturer Ittierre.

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#### **Pet choice**

U.S. pet safety advocacy group Bark Buckle UP has given the GMC Acadia its Pet Safe Choice Award for 2009, Canadian Driver reports. The Acadia was named for its standard third-row bench seating for restraining pets and ample room behind the seats for pet crates, among other features.

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### Toyotas galore on Black Book value list

WINNERS Canadian Black Book has released its fourth annual "Best Retained Value" winners among passenger cars and light-trucks under \$70,000. The awards, based on data gathered from four-year-old vehicles (in this case 2005 models), determine a vehicle's ability to retain value from its original MSRP. Canadian Black Book commended Toyota Canada for posting an unprecedented five models in the top ten. "This list also demonstrates the faith buyers place in the Toyota brand and its solid reputation," said Shred.

Fully half of the models in this year's Top 10 were from the compact segment.

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# Smooth operator

Subtle improvements in new Hyundai Sonata

JIM KERR for Metro Canada

Hyundai's Sonata is a midsize sedan with the interior room of a full size sedan. Available in three models, prices start at \$21,995 for a GL model four-cylinder and range up to \$31,495 for a fully loaded Limited V6 model. The Sonata Sport is priced between these two and features a small lip spoiler, leather bolsters on the seats with cloth inserts, performance tires and sport-tuned suspension. Riding a little firmer than the GL or Limited models but with a ride still supple enough it is comfortable

for all day drives.

Subtle exterior differences distinguish the three Sonata models. Sport models have five-spoke alloy wheels, while Limited models have chrome exterior door handles and bumper inserts. All share the redesigned front end, with a deeper grille, larger headlamps and a new bumper cover with larger air intake.

The major exterior body panels remain the same as last year but new tail lights and compact "shark fin" radio antenna on the roof identify the 2009 model. The big changes for the '09 Sonata are found inside and under the hood.

From the driver's seat, I recognized the new more contemporary dash design but I wasn't overwhelmed like I have been in the past

with previous Sonata models.
Perhaps that is because
every previous Sonata has
been such a dramatic improvement over its predecessor. For 2009, changes

2009 **Hyundai Sonata** 

Type: Mid-size sedan
Price: \$21,995 (base MSRP)
Engine: 2.4 Litre DOHC
HP: 175 at 6000 rpm
Torque: 168 lb.ft. torque at
4000 rpm

#### Highlights

- Modernized interior
- USB connection
- Smooth, comfortable ride

are more subtle. The new dash layout is modern and refined. The design is clean and uncluttered, and there is added functionality too.

I loved the USB and power connection in the centre console for my iPod. I plugged in a USB memory stick with some music and the audio display instantly recognized it, provided artist and album information and allowed easy selection of songs. The steering wheel controls make selections even easier.

Other standard features on all models include heated seats, ABS brakes, side airbags for front and rear seat passengers, tilt/telescopic steering, air conditioning and leatherwrapped steering wheel. V6 equipped cars also get stability control and traction control. Sport and Limited models also get a glass sunroof.





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## In motor heaven

#### City's auto show offers up a bit of everything

**CARLA CICCONE** 

#### The Edmonton Motor Show has been displaying the newest and best of the automobile world for over three decades — 32 years to be exact. This year, the show is being held at the **Northlands AgriCom and** runs from Feb. 26 through March 1.

Show organizers have made a point of displaying a variety of vehicles this year, and will showcase the latest model year passenger cars, trucks, crossovers and SUVs, which range from affordable to extravagant. With over 700 vehicles in attendance, the Edmonton Motor Show comes pretty close to being car heaven.

From the extreme, to the affordable, there is a bit of everything at this Motor Show. Custom cars tricked out with \$70,000 paint jobs are housed under the same roof as more economical options, which seem to be making a comeback. In fact, this year, a fitting theme at the show is eco-

#### Show details

- WHAT: The Edmonton Motor Show
- WHEN: Feb 26 March 1 WHERE: Edmonton Northlands Agricom
- TICKETS: Adults \$14, Industry and Early Bird Ticket: \$12, Seniors (+60) \$12, Students (Require Student Pass) \$12, Family Pass (2 adults, 2 children) \$30, Children 6 and under accompanied by an adult are free.
- HOURS: Thursday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

nomical cars. Many diesels are coming into North America, and leading the pack is BMW with a range of diesel models that are usually a big hit with the European market.

Electric concept cars are also at the show, offering a glimpse into a potentially affordable and environmentally friendly car option for the near future.

The ultimate symbol of coolness and muscle in the '70s, the mighty Camaro, is back in a big way for 2010. The same model that graced the screen in the last Transformers movie will be at the motor show and we be also available for purchase.

Eleasha Naso, assistant manager of the motor show, is excited to be able to offer Edmontonians a car show that appeals not just to car enthusiasts, but to the entire family as well. "We try to make it a fun and interactive experience for the whole family," Naso

Part of the fun Naso speaks of comes in the form of a large segway course set up in the Northlands Agricom. Everyone is invited to participate in racing around the obstacle course and there are prizes to be won for the races from a Lotus ride on a racetrack in Vancouver, to a lesson at the Allan Berg Racing School in Calgary.

Ferrari, Lamborghini, Bentley and Astin Martin are always big draws, and each of these beauties will also be on display for everyone's viewing pleas-

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What better way to ride out the recession than in a new set of wheels. While we're not trying to sound glib about the whole mess, if you're one of the lucky ones in a position to buy a new car, truck or crossover, this is probably the best time in decades to go shopping.

Here are our top value choices spread over a few categories to help point you in the right direction.

#### **SMALL COUPE: CHEVROLET COBALT XFE (\$15,300)**

No one would consider the Cobalt to be a thrilling ride, but General Motors now offers the XFE (or eXtra Fuel Efficient) package standard on any LS model equipped with a five-speed manual transmission. Thus equipped, it gets better highway fuel mileage and more standard power than either the Honda Civic or Toyota Corolla.

#### **SMALL SEDAN: NISSAN VERSA (\$12,498)**

Currently one of the least expensive new vehicles in Canada, this entry-level Versa comes only in sedan

form with a smaller engine and manual transmission. Good interior space, excellent fuel economy and luxury-car ride make it perfect for around-town shuttling.

#### **SMALL HATCHBACK: TOYOTA YARIS (\$13,315)**

Only the three-door hatch

qualifies for the low price, but a little more than \$13,000 gets you the evergreen Yaris. It will sip fuel and outlast your grandchildren.

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Bedard back on the hill



Canadian pitcher Erik Bedard, left, has passed his first small test in his return from shoulder surgery. The Seattle Mariners' lefty allowed only a ground ball single during a scoreless inning in an intrasquad game yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Sports

#### Tiger ready for 'rush'

Tiger Woods returned to the links yesterday for the practise round of the Accenture Match Play Championship, which begins today in Arizona. "Of course I'll be nervous. That's the greatest thing about it, just to feel that rush," said Woods, who hasn't played since ACL surgery last July. His first opponent will be Australian Brendan Jones.

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#### **Sports** in brief

**NFL** The future of perennial Pro Bowl wide receiver Marvin Harrison was finally decided yesterday as the Indianapolis Colts held a news conference announcing his release. "Marvin let us know his pref-

erence was to be released.

Both (team owner) Jim Irsay and I felt very strongly that after Marvin's long and dedicated service to the Colts, we would, in this painful circumstance, be guided by Marvin's wishes," Colts president Bill Polian said.

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**NHL** Penguins star centre Sidney Crosby left practice yesterday with a sore groin. Crosby, however, is still expected to take to the ice in tonight's game against the New York Islanders.

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## Oilers end skid

#### **NHL RESULT**

Oilers 5 Lightning 3







THE SKINNY: The Oilers put the brakes on a three-game losing streak, and a four-game winless streak against the Lightning dating back to March 2002, thanks to two goals by Sheldon Souray and the winner by Andrew Cogliano early in the third peri-

THE QUOTE: "It was a tough game," said Cogliano, who had a two-point night after going pointless in his previous five games. "They have some pretty good players over there. It was a tough one, but it's going to be tough for the rest of the season."

THE BIG PLAY: Cogliano got the goal that would stand as the winner 2:20 into the final



Tampa Bay Lightning forward Steven Stamkos and Edmonton Oiler Theo Peckham collide along the boards yesterday.

period when he got a handle on a loose puck during a scramble and shoved it past Lightning stopper Karri Ramo for a 4-2 lead.

**SWEET 16:** Dwayne Roloson made his 16th straight start for the Oilers and his 43rd appearance of the season, tying his total for 2007-08. Roloson has made 37 starts. He made 26 saves for his 21st win.

**COLE ROLL:** Erik Cole got the Oilers started when he grabbed a lose puck at centre, waltzed around Marek Malik and beat Ramo low to the stick side for a 1-0 lead for his third

goal in the last four games.

**UNPLUGGED:** Edmonton's struggling power-play unit went 0-for-6 and is 0-for-16 in its last three games.

**MILESTONES:** Tuesday marked the 1,500th game for Oilers head athletic therapist Ken Lowe. This is Lowe's 20th season with the Oilers. He joined the team for the 1989-90 season.

**THE NEXT GAME:** The Oilers host the Columbus Blue Jackets Thursday.

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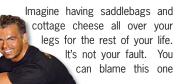
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The party in Alberta will continue for two years as the province's capital will host the Canadian Football League's biggest game of the season in 2010.

Calgary is already slated to host this year's Grey Cup and it's the first time ever that two back-to-back Grey

Cup games have ever been held in Alberta.

'We're happy we have two back-to-backs," CFL Commissioner Mark Cohon who made the worst kept secret official at a press conference yesterday at Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium.

"I think it creates a great rivalry."

Cahoon says Edmonton has been home to the fifth, sixth and seventh most attended Grey Cup games in the league and it's already been given full support from Premier Ed Stelmach.

"At a time where Canada may be going through some difficulty, the Canadian Football League is the ambassador," said Stelmach during the conference.

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**Iraq reopens National Museum** 

Iraq has partially reopened its National Museum, once a trove of artifacts dating back to the dawn of civilization but which was plundered after the 2003 invasion while U.S. troops stood by. Only eight of the museum's more than 20 wings were reopened. REUTERS

## Travel



#### Summer blockbuster

Some of the most celebrated names in Italian art are coming to Ottawa this summer, as The National Gallery of Canada presents a world exclusive exhibit called From Raphael to Carracci: The Art of Papal Rome from May 29 to Sept. 7. Masters including Michelangelo, Salviati, Vasari, and Barocci will be strongly represented. See gallery.ca/raphael. At left, Raphael's Portrait of Bindo Altoviti, c. 1515. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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## A little-known gem in the South Pacific

New Caledonia boasts both an exotic setting and a French pedigree

**DAWN L. ROBERTSON** for Metro Canada

For years, New Caledonians have used the catch phrase "France in the Pacific" to promote their country to the international tourist market. And it's certainly that, with a mélange of fashionistas and folks clad in the casual, brightly-coloured clothing that reflects an island lifestyle.

There are inspiring landscapes and water that is as intensely turquoise as it is rich with marine wonders. But amidst the exotic setting, the country's capital city, Noumea, emits a distinctly European feel, thanks to its colonial buildings, town square, gardens, markets, designer boutiques, patisseries and sidewalk cafes.

While Aussies, New Zealanders, the Japanese and the French have flocked to this South Pacific paradise for years, no one I knew could offer me any firsthand advice before I journeyed there myself.

In fact, I wasn't exactly certain where it was in the South Pacific. By the time I returned, however, I knew it was in a place that defines natural beauty.

New Caledonia is composed principally of the Isle of Pines, Loyalty Islands and a mainland





Left, the Tjibaou Arts and Cultural Centre in Noumea, in the south province of New Caledonia. Right, a pirogue or outrigger canoe with sail near the Isle of Pines.

that's divided into northern and southern provinces. The archipelago is splendidly tucked amid a trio of better-known getaways. Noumea lies about 1,970 kilometres northeast of Sydney, 1,805 kilometres northwest of Auckland and 1,300 kilometres southwest of Nadi, Fiji.

So it's a perfect stop for travellers heading to any of these more prominent destinations.

But for those into diving, there's little need to go elsewhere. The mainland is cocooned in the world's largest lagoon, with water temperatures that range from an inviting 21 to 28 C. The reef can be as close as a couple of kilometres from the coast in some spots or over 60 in others.

This magnificent marine environment bursts with fluorescent corals, sea cows, starfish, sea sponges, turtles, sea urchins and even humpback whales. So to call it an aquatic paradise understates the case

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somewhat.

Upon arriving at Tontouta International, I hit the ground running. Even before I checked in at Le Meridien Noumea I took in the Tjibaou Cultural Centre.

Housing a collection of art and traditional craftwork gathered from throughout New Caledonia and the wider Pacific, this architectural masterpiece showcases the culture of New Caledonia's Kanak people via three "villages" linked by a pathway that winds through gardens along the footsteps of their mythical First Man, Tea Kanake.

After a healthy dose of local insight, I headed back

## "Etched with towering Araucaria pines, aquamarine lagoons and powdery white sand beaches, it's stunning in every sense of the word."

to the colourful capital of Noumea, which was founded in 1854 by Tardy de Montravel, a French naval officer.

Since then, it's been fashioned by sailors and missionaries, governed by the French military and claimed as a U.S. Army headquarters during the Second World War.

Today, this peninsula city emits a distinctive European feel with its colonial buildings, town square, gardens, markets, designer boutiques, patisseries and sidewalk cafes. For handy sightseeing, a small train makes a scenic circuit with stops at key sites between the city center and the main tourist area of Anse Vata.

Tight on time but determined to explore the

southern province's interior landscapes, I opted for a highly recommended Caledonia Tours excursion to Blue River Park. Our host, Francois Tran, was perhaps

the most well-versed guide

I've ever encountered.

Both a gentleman and a scholar, native New Caledonian Tran shared with us the 22,350-acre forest reserve that's home to a plethora of native plants and wildlife, including the territory's rare and revered cagou birds.

Missing out on the northern province and Loyalty Islands, I did manage a day trip to the Isle of Pines — yet another good move.

This sliver of heaven that measures almost nine kilometres wide and 18 kilometres long proves once again that good things come in small packages. Even before my 20-minute Air Caledonie flight from Noumea's domestic Magenta Airport landed, it was obvious how this beauty garnered the moniker The Jewel of the Pacific.

Etched with towering Araucaria pines, aquamarine lagoons and powdery white sand beaches, it's stunning in every sense of the word. Here, I finally dove into the warm water world that surrounds this remote destination.

After an island tour, I sailed on a traditional Melanesian pirogue or outrigger, kayaked and snorkelled in a natural swimming pool at Oro Bay. If you're into aquatic bliss like I am, Isle of Pines will put you over the edge.

True to nearly everything in New Caledonia, this was yet another of those dreamy places I never wanted to leave. My only consolation was knowing I could return.



Mulling over the window or the aisle seat on your next flight? Pick the aisle to help avoid dangerous blood clots — researchers from the U.S.'s Lahey Clinic Medical Center found sitting in the aisle can help ward off potentially dangerous deep-vein thrombosis or blood clots. REUTERS

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## Putting a cork in French wine tourism

Health lobby could prevent vintners from holding wine tastings

The French wine trade fears new health rules could force vintners to keep the cork on bottles when visitors come to their cellars, dealing a serious blow to growing wine tourism by stigmatizing the beverage.

French parliament will debate early in March a proposed law that carries an article banning promotional sales of alcoholic beverages as a way of curtailing bingedrinking among youths.

The wine sector fears the cure may be worse than the disease and could lead to a ban on wine tastings at a time of limits on advertising and plans to attack Internet sales.

"It's unthinkable, it would be a disaster and many people in France could lose their job. Tastings are an integral part of



A wine tasting at Sainte Roseline château in Arc sur Argens, France. French wine growers fear that attempts to limit youth access to alcohol could ensnare wine-tasting sessions as well.

promoting wine and educating people to consume with reason," said Marie-Christine Tarby, head of the Wine and Society body.

Tarby said that France was less impacted by bingedrinking than other countries and wine played no role in that phenomenon.

For many people, wine is part and parcel of French culture and history.

The sector employs

340,000 people and wine is among the top 10 export revenue earners. Wine and vines are part of the attractions that make France a top world tourism destination.

Wine, cheese, baguette, beret and Eiffel Tower are among the key words that people associate with France.

Tourists visit vineyards and taste the wines, buying

bottles to take home winetourisminfrance.com.

But for the health lobby, the eternal image of a Frenchman with a black beret and blue shirt sitting at a table with an open bottle of cheap wine is an outrage and outdated.

Encouraged by recent successes such as a smoking ban for restaurants and bars and advertisement restrictions, the health authorities want the French to drink less and fight alcoholism.

Alcohol was related to 22 per cent of traffic deaths in France in 2007 and is a contributing factor to heart disease.

At the same time, some doctors have found that modest consumption of wine can be beneficial to hearts and health.

The wine organizations, such as those of the Burgundy or Bordeaux wine makers, have not been sitting still and are doing their bit to fight drink-driving by handing out breathalysers.

Any adverts promoting wine need to carry a warning urging people to consume modestly and on some wine Web sites it spelled out that "moderation" means a maximum of three glasses a day for a man, two for a woman, and at least one day a week off drink.

The image of wine in

France has taken a few hits recently. President Nicolas Sarkozy does not drink wine and Paris mayor Bertrand Delanoe auctioned off a good part of the townhall's famed wine collection.



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Don't mess with Nicky Hilton. After being pushed to the ground by a homeless person at a West Hollywood IHOP at 5 a.m. Saturday morning, the heiress made a citizen's arrest, a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spokesman has confirmed. METRO NEWS SERVICES

#### Entertainment to discuss the hot button topic of abuse on MuchTalks this evening. The 30-minute special will focus on

# When big concerts rock the big screen

#### Jonas Brothers DVD could revive genre

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

I'm going to come right out and say it: The Jonas **Brothers may just revive** the idle genre of concert movies.

Not only do I say this because the teen trio has a dedicated following of pre-pubescent fans that will undoubtedly line up endlessly to see Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience — in theatres on Friday — but the movie itself was shot using cutting-edge effects that will surely draw those inclined to experience a cinematic rock concert in 3-D form (although U2 did it first in 2007).

While there's no doubt that today's focus in Hollywood is primarily on this

gigs, there were many other stunning concert films before the gimmickry of 3-D came along. While the Jonas Brothers may render the traditional concert film extinct, there are certainly some worth revisit-

THE T.A.M.I. SHOW (1965): Filmmaker Steve Binder released what some aficionados consider the first-ever concert film. Showcasing the top acts of the day, this rare flick is perhaps most notable for a closing "battle of the bands" sequence between James Brown and The Rolling Stones.

GIMME SHELTER (1970): The Rolling Stones were also the subject of this concert film by the Maysles broth-

new way of witnessing ers. Chronicling the band's 1969 tour, this classic movie captured the tragic Altamont gig that ended in the brutal murder of at least one spectator. As a review in the San Francisco Chronicle stated, "few metaphors are as obvious as Altamont's for the death of the free-love '60s.'

> WOODSTOCK (1970): With groundbreaking appearances by Jimi Hendrix, Jefferson Air-

> > you could



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stock is often considered the greatest concert film ever. Not only did it win an Oscar for best documen-A DOUBLE PASS TO AN ADVANCE tary, but it set the gold

THE LAST WALTZ (1978): Martin Scorsese took it upon himself to direct The Band's farewell performance in 1976. Not only did he capture the Canadian legends' skill on stage but Scorsese

standard for the genre.

gives it his visual masterstroke as well.

Hilton makes citizen's arrest

STOP MAKING SENSE (1983): Directed Jonathan Demme (Philadelphia), this Talking Heads concert film is a tribute to the showmanship of the pop act behind hits like Burning Down the House. The band may have split up in 1991, but this indelible film is still a stunning work of art.

## Heath Ledger's last film awaits deal for U.S. release

**Backstage at the Oscars** Sunday night, where her brother was awarded a posthumous supporting actor's award, Kate Ledger told reporters that her family is very much in the loop on his final movie.

'We've seen a little bit of the footage," she said of Terry Gilliam's The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus, Heath Ledger's last film. "I think it's going to be amazing."

But the comments only highlighted a larger question: When will U.S. audiences get to see it?

The head-trippy Parnassus, about a travelling magician who gives customers more than they bargained for, is a joint production of financial entity

Grosvenor Park and sales mogul Samuel Hadida of Davis Films. It was gliding along as just another independently financed production — and product of Gilliam's funhouse imagi-

nation — when Ledger died early last year, in the middle production. The project's was thrown into question

Law, Colin Farrell and Johnny Depp stepped in, with all three part of elaborate an work-around that has the actors playing different parts of Ledger's

That saved the production. But the sales process since then has been nearly as complicated.

A number of U.S. buyers during the summer and early fall were said to be interested in acquiring stateside rights — Lionsgate and Overture reportedly were among the potential suitors — but word of a potential deal quickly quieted down.

That has fuelled speculation concerning such matters as dissent among producers over finances. REUTERS

**CHRIS ALEXANDER** for Metro Canada The realm of the movie macabre has long been a ghoulish men's club, with women depicted as either beauty to the big screen's many beasts or sexually voracious vixens.

Either way, femininity in horror is more often than not a perversion of the male id, partly because the ladies haven't stepped up to wrest control of the genre. But as new documentary Pretty Bloody: The Women of Horror proclaims, the tides are turning. Pretty Bloody

sees East Coast-based filmmakers Donna Davies and Kimberlee Mc-Taggart profiling a gaggle of intelligent modern women who have carved out their livelihood in the world of horror, including Vancouver-born scream queen and Fangoria Radio co-host Debbie Rochon 8 p.m. tonight and Toronto-based Rue Morgue magazine editor-in-chief and horror tattoo canvas Jovanka Vuckovic.

"We did this film to help dispel some of the myths surrounding women and horror," Davies says. "Women have actually had a huge influence on the genre, and not just as the helpless victim running from the monster, but as writers, direc-



Jovanka Vuckovic of Rue Morgue magazine.

tors and producers."

Pretty

Bloody: The

Women of

on Space.

Horror airs at

More influential roles

for women in horror

Pretty Bloody also profiles such noted fright-based females as Pet Sematary director Mary Lambert, dark fantasy writer Tanya Huff and cult actress Brinke Stevens. In a series of conversations, these sophisticated and articulate individuals speak of the struggles they've endured trying to make their mark in a mostly male-driven genre, and of the ways fans have responded to their respective legacies.

"Times have changed and women are making up a large percentage of audience for these films," Davies says. "But female fans want to see a different kind of horror. They are looking for scares but want to see better developed story lines with stronger female leads who are sexy and kick butt."

#### New face of L'Oreal Paris

L'Oreal Paris has named Patrick Dempsey as the new international spokesperson for the brand outside the U.S. Dempsey joins the ranks of Pierce Brosnan and Matthew Fox as a leading man for the company. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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## Orlando takes it all in stylish strides

RAFAEL BRUSILOW

**Project Runway Canada** had its first shocker-elimination last night as Montreal designer Baylor Orlando, 37, got sent

Orlando had frequently garnered praise as one of the show's stronger competitors but the judges found his re-worked wedding dress, made from a

sari, overcomplex and unflattering.

For last night's task, the usual size-



designers' Baylor Orlando

zero models were swapped out for a batch of divorced women of all shapes, sizes and heights. Designers had to take the divorcees' old wedding dresses and transform them into outfits that reflected their new single

Orlando's creation didn't appeal to the judges but he isn't one to feel sorry for

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"I never like to play the victim. As a designer you have to be able to take crit-

icism because it makes you

a better designer. You have

to listen to critics, learn from them and move on," Orlando said.

Orlando previously designed bridal and evening gowns in his home country

of Venezuela before moving to Canada to pursue his career dreams.

"I left everything behind when I moved from Venezuela to Canada ·

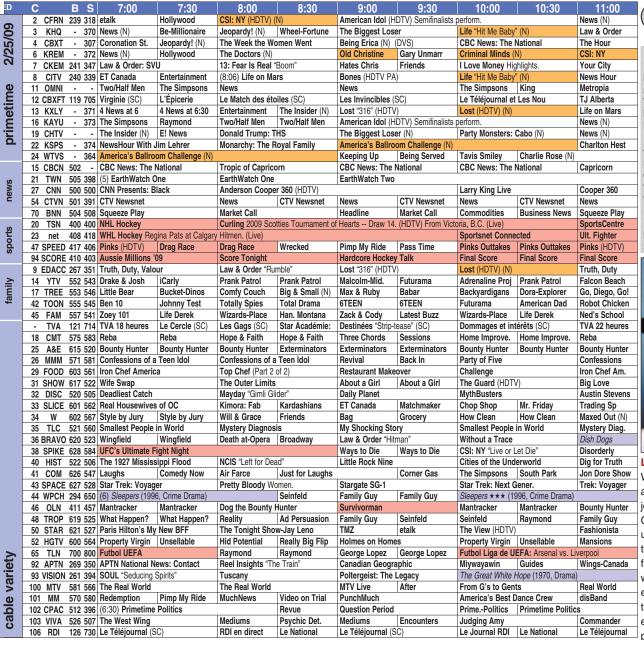
this is the country where I want to succeed," he said.

Orlando currently designs handbags and accessories for a Montreal company and hopes to launch

#### When to watch

 Project Runway Canada airs Tuesday nights on Global.

his own clothing line in the future.



#### critics'corner—

#### **Pretty Bloody**

Horror is for guys, right? Made by guys for guys who want to see blood and breasts, right? While the horror genre may be male-dominated, it does have its share of women in roles other than scream queen — director, for example. This new special traces women's contribution to the horror genre with film clips and interviews with directors Mary Lambert ("Pet Sematary") and Katt Shea ("Stripped to Kill"), actress Debbie Rochon and more. 8 PM on SPACE



When Reese (Sarah Shahi) is asked to be a part of the FBI's joint organized-crime task force, Crews (Damian Lewis) teams up with Stark (Brent Sexton) to investigate the murder of a financial adviser who was fond of women and pigeons - not necessarily in that order. The investigation leads them to a world of extreme corporate and political power. 10 PM on CITV KHQ



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Julianne Hough will have a hoot on the dance floor when her boyfriend Chuck Wicks joins her on Dancing with the Stars, which kicks off March 9. "It has been so much fun and really hilarious to see Chuck try to dance," she wrote on her MySpace celebrity blog. METRO NEWS SERVICES

#### **Celebrity Buzz**

### 'Predator' Sam still around: Brit's dad

**LEGAL** Under her father's care and control, Britney Spears now lives a protected life, her access even to telephones strictly restricted, people.com reports Jamie Spears as testifying in a court hearing Monday.

So when the 27-year-old pop star managed to get a prepaid cellphone recently, her security team confiscated it from her purse while she was at a dance practice. Confronted, she revealed the phone was given to her by someone during a hotel stay, the website reports.

And that person, she disclosed, got it from two men whom her father wants to keep permanently in the singer's troubled past: Ex-manager Sam Lutfi and former boyfriend, paparazzo Adnan Ghalib.

Jamie Spears described the cellphone incident in testimony Monday in a Los Angeles court as he sought to maintain a restraining order against Lutfi, whom Jamie has claimed harassed Britney and has sought to undermine Jamie's legal control over her life.

"When (Lutfi) was in so-called control, she'd lost everything — her kids and career," Jamie said at the hearing. "I believe he's a predator, I believe he's very dangerous to her ... and causes her a lot of anguish disbelief." In court

papers, Lutfi 34. denies been harassing Spears,

countering that it's been Spears reaching out to him not the other way around — by sending him text messages even though court orders forbid her from doing so.

Lutfi does admit that he's passed messages on to her through her hairdresser and others, including Ghalib, 36, but argues that

> the messages weren't harmful in way. But **Jamie**

Spears testified about a series of what threatening text messages he received last month from someone with the name "citvscreen galin310," who he was later "100 per cent" sure was Lutfi. Lutfi's lawyer denied to People that Lutfi was the user of screen name.

Jamie also revealed why his daughter locked herself in a bathroom with son layden, leading to her first hospitalization last year.

"She was told by Lutfi she could have her children for another night,' Jamie said. But when a bodyguard for her ex-husband Kevin Federline arrived to get the children, "She didn't want to let her kids go because she thought she could have them for another night," Jamie said.

The hearing will resume today with more testimony from other witnesses.

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#### Sean and Madonna's run-in

**PEOPLE** Apparently there's his best actor win for Milk one person who can get away with making fun of Madonna to her face: Exhusband Sean Penn.

The two ran into each other at an Oscars after-parwhere Madonna commended Penn on

earlier in the evening, according to Gatecrasher.

"Thanks," Penn said, be-

Dance floor hoot for Hough

fore gesturing to Madonna's date, 22-year-Brazilian model Jesus Luz, and adding, "Another kid already?"

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#### I'm healthy and happy: Mischa

HEALTH To anyone who thinks Mischa Barton is wasting away, she has a message on her website: I'm "happier and healthier than ever,' people.com reports.

She notes that she is thinner these days, as recent photos in the media have shown, sometimes accompanied by pointed speculation about her health.

"I still love my Pilates and yoga, and have cut back on fatty foods a bit," she says. "My time in India and Paris really just helped me lose a little bit of weight but there's nothing drastic going on.

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#### **Baby rumours** false: Portia

RUMOUR Portia de Rossi wants to make sure everyone knows that she is not undergoing in vitro fertilization treatments in an attempt to get pregnant.

"There's a story around right now about me that could not be further from the truth," de Rossi told Access Hollywood.

When asked if she was

referring to the pregnancy rumour, she confirmed, 'Yes, that was completely made METRO NEWS

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### Hilary the hockey fan

PEOPLE Hilary Duff rows with fans at her boyfriend's hockey games, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer and actress regularly attends New York Islanders games to watch her lover and centre Mike Comrie (who's now with the Ottawa Senators), and isn't afraid to confront "intense fans" abuse her man.

"I like to sit in the audience, you know I don't sit up in a box or anything, and people started to know that I'm 🕼 there, sitting and they'll be like 'Mike sucks!'

Or they try to rile me up and I'm like 'Hey, watch it! I'll come up there, you know,'" she said. "But I try to not be that crazy girlfriend."

Duff was not a fan of the sport when they first got together in 2007, but has now learned more about it and considers herself a fan.

> added: "The first couple of games I went to, I'm like, These people are nuts.' They are, like, so into it. And then, I got really into it once I started learning about the game.'

The 21-year-old star

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#### 'She could, like, adopt me': Miley on Angelina

Angelina Jolie to adopt her, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 17-year-old star is a big fan of Jolie — who already has three adopted children — and hopes the Changeling star will open her home to her soon.

Miley joked: "She is beautiful. She could, like, adopt me."

Jolie and her partner Brad Pitt raise six children together adopted sons Maddox, seven, and Pax, five, and four-year-old adopted daughter Zahara. along

PEOPLE Miley Cyrus wants with two-year-old biological daughter Shiloh and seven-month-old Knox and Vivienne.

> The Hannah Montana actress also admits she was disappointed not to meet

Jolie on the red carpet at the Oscars on Sunday. She said: "I wanted to see Angelina, but I didn't get to see her." METRO NEWS SERVIC-

#### **Busy Oscar** night for Robert

**PEOPLE** Twilight star Robert Pattinson was a busy man on Oscar night.

After presenting during the telecast, he hit the Vanity Fair after-party, where he was spotted having a long, deep conversation with Natalie Portman, according to E! News.

Pattinson apparently shared another hour-long confab with Paris Hilton at a different party, allegedly even going out into the

garden for some private time, before jetting off to Japan at 5 a.m. Busy night, indeed. **METRO NEWS** 

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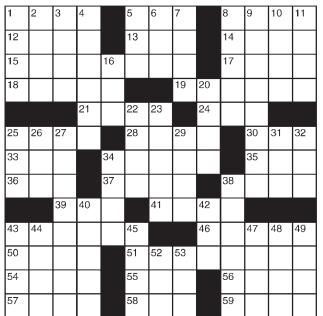






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## **Take Five**



#### Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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#### Crossword down

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#### Metro Recipe of the Day



#### Lamb with Zucchini

INGREDIENTS:

2 tsp (10 ml) sesame oil 1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice 1 oz (25 g) fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh mint 12 oz (350 g) lean lamb leg,

cut into thin slices 1 1/2 lb (700 g) large waxy new potatoes, scrubbed 1/4 cup (60 ml) canola oil

2 zucchini, sliced on the diagonal 6 scallions, sliced on the diagonal

1 cup (250 ml) shelled fresh or frozen peas, thawed if necessary

1 tbsp (15 ml) salt-reduced soy sauce

1/3 cup (80 ml) diluted saltreduced beef or vegetable

#### 2 tsp (10 ml) honey **METHOD:**

1. Whisk sesame oil, lemon juice, half of ginger and 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped mint in shallow dish. Add lamb and stir, then cover and leave to marinate. 2. Put potatoes in a large pot and pour over boiling water to cover. Bring back to boil, half-cover pot and simmer 12 minutes or until almost tender. Drain and leave until cool enough to handle. Cut across into slices slightly thicker than

1/4 in. (5 mm), then cut slices into sticks. Put into bowl, drizzle with 1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil and gently toss to coat. 3. Heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil in wok or large frying pan. When oil is hot, add lamb and stir-fry over high heat 1 minute or until just browned, but still fairly rare. Remove and set aside. 4. Add remaining oil to wok and, when hot, add sliced zucchini. Stir-fry 1 minute, then add potato sticks. Cook 3-4 minutes, stirring, until lightly browned, taking care not to break up potatoes. Add scallions and cook 1 more minute, stirring. 5. Reduce heat to medium and add peas, soy sauce, stock, honey and remaining ginger. Return lamb with any juices. Stirfry 2-3 minutes or until liquid is bubbling and everything is tender and hot. Season to taste, scatter remaining chopped mint over top, and serve.

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#### **Horoscopes**

#### **ARIES**

MARCH 21-APRIL 20 Someone praises your hard work on a wonderful day. Your judgment is good about mar-

riage plans. Senseless humility

#### **LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23**

is a waste of time.

A suspect makes a bad joke. A man makes a fuss over an important guy. Losing your temper and being malicious is an appalling choice.

#### **TAURUS** APRIL 21-MAY 21

Nostalgia can't bring anyone back to you. Keep after someone to get more support. Try to remain alert to new possibilities in strange places.

#### **SCORPIO**

**OCT 24-NOV 22** 

Avoid feeling guilty when visiting. Smile when a happy female confesses. The last thing you expect will be a divine experience.

#### **GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Someone will be grateful if you're truthful. Innuendo will grow stronger after an incident. You'll change your mind about a friendship.

#### **SAGITTARIUS**

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**NOV 23-DEC 21** An elder needs a romantic tryst. An adventurous person will revive your hopes. shamed guy calls for an update.

#### **CANCER** JUNE 22-JULY 22

Don't leave a greedy friend alone. Take notice of a fitness plan and participate. Pamper yourself after breaking horrific

#### **CAPRICORN** DEC 22-IAN 20

A truthful person will come clean. Don't give up when someone makes an emotional impact. A competent person will complete a task.

#### **LEO JULY 23-AUG 23**

Avoid any daydreaming that will cause pain. Fatalistic and impractical people will rebel. Someone will stay away from a danger zone.

#### **AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18**

A friend performs an unusual act. A lonely woman speaks of true love. A fortunate man is forced to take risks

#### **VIRGO**

**AVATAR VENUS** 

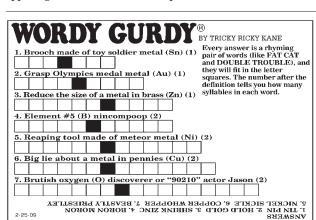
Be suspicious of unusual entertainment plans. You'll search for strange noises at home. You'll say good bye after a commotion.

#### **PISCES**

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**AUG 24-SEPT 22** 

An old jester will be given something. Make plans with slacker who loves you. Tell your story to a younger guy







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